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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hirotsuna MIURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1725

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For: METHOD FOR FIXING FUNCTIONAL MATERIAL, APPARATUS FOR FIXING FUNCTIONAL MATERIAL, DEVICE FABRICATION METHOD, ELECTROOPTICAL DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the November 14, 2005 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elects Group I and Species I, claims 1-5, 7-19 and 39-42, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid

unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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